

PROJECT UPDATE



or reaching for your coffee so you can react more quickly to the unexpected.

Leave two seconds of braking distance between you and the car in front of you. The amount of space required to provide two seconds of stopping time will increase the faster you are driving.

Current City, county, and state construction projects are listed in this magazine (see below,) reported in the newspaper, advertised through community mailings, and posted on pre-construction signs around the project area. You can also get project information on government websites. For projects in Redmond, visit www.redmond.gov. Projects in King County can be viewed at www.metrokc.gov/infocus. Information about Washington State projects can be found at www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects.

Safety tips

Traveling in a work zone

Although road construction can be an inconvenience, frustration with roadway work in progress is not the time to get aggressive in your driving. Traffic fines double in work zones. Depending on the number of miles per hour you're traveling over the posted speed limit, infractions can range between \$100 and \$700 in a work zone. In Washington State, these penalties are never waived, reduced, or suspended.

Two of the major causes of work zone crashes are driver inattention and speeding. Drivers polled in a recent Washington State Department of Transportation survey said they slowed down when they entered a work zone, but radar speeds showed that none of them actually did.

Reducing your speed in work zones is safer for everyone and could save you money. Allow yourself some extra time to get to work or take an alternate route until the construction is done.

Minimize distractions such as changing CDs, using your cell phone,

If you see flashing arrows on a reader board or "Lane Closed Ahead" signs, merge as soon as possible.

Traffic flows more efficiently when drivers move to the appropriate lane at first notice of an approaching construction zone.

Pay attention to signs. "Work Ahead" signs alert you to the construction zone ahead. Just because you don't see workers right away doesn't mean they're not out there. "Flagger Ahead" signs prepare you for the presence of a flagger who will guide you through the zone. Follow the flagger's instructions and obey all work zone signs until you see the one that says "END OF ROAD WORK," which signals that you have exited the work zone and can resume a safe driving speed.

Travel safe. Roadways under construction pave the way for better traffic conditions or all of us.

Projects Underway

2004 Street Resurfacing

Each year as part of the City's ongoing pavement management program, the City selects streets for resurfacing on the basis of pavement condition and location. Typically, the resurfacing contractor also completes additional items of work, such as improvements to water and storm drain systems. The 2004 Street Resurfacing program began in the summer and will be completed sometime this fall.

Union Hill Road Widening

Union Hill Road will be widened between 178th





is anticipated to be complete before the end of the year. For more information about this project, contact Project Engineer Mike Haley at mhaley@redmond.gov or 425-556-2843.

2004 Sidewalk Improvements

This project will improve pedestrian and bicycle access at various locations

throughout the City by filling in missing sidewalk and bike lane segments and repairing damage to existing sidewalks. A new METRO bus shelter will be placed on Redmond Way just west of 160th Avenue NE. Construction began this summer and is expected to be completed this fall.

Redmond Way Access Improvements

Construction continues on the Redmond Way Access Improvements project located on Redmond Way between the Bear Creek bridge near SR 520 westward to 168th Avenue NE on the west side of Anderson Park.

The City's contractor is building several safety elements, including a new traffic signal at the Bear Creek and Creekside Crossing Shopping Centers. The Creekside Crossing Shopping Center east driveway will be relocated to take advantage of the new signal. Redmond Way is being widened by one additional lane near the Bank of America. This will provide a second westbound left turn lane onto Bear Creek Parkway. A new pedestrian signal is being added at Cleveland Street and 168th Avenue NE.

In addition, overhead power lines are being relocated underground, water utility improvements are included, and landscaping is being replaced. Work is expected to continue through the rest of the year. For more information, please call the project information line at 425-556-2775.

Place and 188th Avenue NE from two lanes to five lanes (two travel lanes in each direction, plus a dual left turn lane), with bicycle lanes and sidewalks on each side. The overhead power distribution lines are being placed in a conduit underground, and the overhead transmission lines are being relocated. There are also two stormwater detention ponds being constructed under this contract. The project began this summer and construction should last about one year. For more information about this project, contact Project Engineer Phil Day at pday@redmond.gov or 425-556-2860.

2004 Miscellaneous Water System Improvements

This project is a compilation of water system upgrades throughout the City and parts of King County. Overall, there are 14 locations around the City that will be improved. A large portion of the water system will be replaced in the Rose Hill area around NE 100th Street in King County. Several pressure reducing stations, a number of large water meter stations, main lines, service lines and meters will be replaced, as well as fire hydrants, pressure reducing valves and vaults. Full street overlays will occur on several street locations. Significant roadway and utility disruptions will occur along NE 102nd Street, NE 100th Street, NE 98th Street, NE 88th Street, 136th Avenue NE, 171st Avenue NE, 172nd Avenue NE, and NE 95th Street. Construction began this summer and

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